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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed January 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the abstract and to the drawings are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003.

First of all, deletions of five characters or less in the amendments to the abstract (i.e., the attempt to delete the numeral "5" in line 2 of the abstract) must not be merely struck through but must rather be enclosed in DOUBLE brackets.

Second of all, all replacement drawing sheets MUST be identified in the top margin of each sheet as "Replacement Sheet".

A proper reply to the instant Office communication should be a replacement to the reply filed on January 12, 2004, and should include the amendments to the abstract and to the drawings only. Since the amendments to the specification and to the claims as presented in the reply ARE in proper form, these need not be resubmitted.

Please do not hesitate to telephone the examiner if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Office communication.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should

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be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

The NEW central official fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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